

MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN LATVIA

Every person, regardless of age, must undergo a medical examination before the immigrant or nonimmigrant “K” category visa interview to be able to present the medical examination results to the Consular Section of the Embassy Riga. Medical examinations and laboratory tests for immigration purposes should be conducted by a medical doctor designated by the Embassy. In Latvia, there is one panel physician authorized to conduct medical examinations for U.S. immigrant visa applicants:

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During Dr. Caune's absence visa applicants can have the medical examination completed with either one of the below listed panel physicians designated by U.S. Embassies in neighboring countries:

- **Dr. Anneli Kalle-Talvik** at Narva mnt 7/1, 3rd floor, Tallinn, Estonia, tel. +372-661 6036; fax: +372-661 6038;
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Medical examinations from any other physicians or clinics are not accepted.

Scheduling appointment : Visa applicants should contact the panel physician directly to schedule the appointment and request guidance on the medical examination requirements.

Fees for medical examination and tests in Latvia:

- For applicants under 15 years of age, the examination fee will not exceed 90 LVL (about \$200 USD) per person
- For applicants 15 years of age and older, the examination fee will not exceed 100 LVL (about \$220 USD) per person. An extra fee will be charged for any additional tests required, for example: bacteriological examination of sputum, X-ray, radiologist consultation, and additional vaccinations recommended by the panel physician.

Submission of the examination results: The panel physician will provide you the examination results in a sealed envelope. You have to submit this envelope along with other documents on the day of your visa interview. **NOTE:** The envelope may be open only by a Consular Section representative.

Validity of the examination results: The results are valid for submission to the embassy within one year. If the remaining validity of the medical examination results is less than 6 months on the day of visa adjudication, the visa is limited to the life of the exam.

Vaccination requirements: U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain the vaccinations listed below prior to the issuance of a visa. The vaccination report must be submitted as part of the medical examination results.

Non-immigrant K category visa applicants are not subject to the vaccination requirement. However, the U.S. Department of State strongly encourages K visa applicants to meet the vaccination requirements before admission to the United States. K visa applicants will need to have a full vaccination report completed before

their adjustment to legal immigrant status in the U.S.

Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of visa applicants are required to verify that visa applicants meet the vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations:

- **mumps, measles, rubella, polio, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, pertussis, influenza, influenzae type B (HIB), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella, pneumococcal, rotavirus, meningococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), and zoster.**

To assist the panel physician, and to avoid processing delays, all visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the physician's review at the time of the medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the panel physician.

Only the panel physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.